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IN THE MATTER OF ARIZONA PUBLIC
SERVICE COMPANY AND VERIZON
CALIFORNIA, INC.'S JOINT PETITION FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UNDERGROUND
CONVERSION SERVICE AREA.

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STAFF'S REPLY BRIEF

The following is Utilities Division of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Staff") reply to the Post Hearing briefs filed by Arizona Public Service Company ("APS"), Verizon California, Inc ("Verizon") and Hillcrest Bay, Inc. ("HBI"). While APS, Verizon and Staff reach similar conclusions, albeit taking different approaches, these parties agree that the Petition should be dismissed. HBI continues to offer continuing support for the Petition and urges its approval by the Commission.

Staff did not find the arguments of HBI persuasive to prompt a change in Staff's position as set forth in its post hearing brief. Staff maintains that in light of the economic climate, the testimony of those homeowners who state that they cannot afford the costs associated with the conversion and the waning public support for the underground conversion project; Staff would recommend dismissal of the Petition.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this 9th day of September, 2009.

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